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Applicant : Stefan Hein
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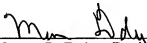
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Dear Sir:

A check of our files indicates that the above-identified application has been filed more than one year and ten months without having received an Office Action. Therefore, please advise us of the status of this application. This request is made to avoid any lack of diligence being attributed to the Applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

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